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Draftsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Cameron S.Hunt
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Navy Draftsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Cameron Sean Hunt is the command draftsman to the Commander in Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command and Commander, U.S. Northern Command.

Hunt, who calls Trenton, N.J. home, supports the homeland defense mission by preparing slides, graphics, displays, briefings and training aides.

"My job supports homeland defense by providing visuals and graphics for mission critical briefings and visits from foreign dignitaries and distinguished visitors," Hunt said. "It allows me to use my own vision of how a graphics design should look, to convey a particular story or feeling.

I am also allowed some artistic license in designing command layouts. Some layouts and displays that I've made throughout my career have been presented to Congress and used on local television networks. I even had the privilege to work with General Colin Powell in Sept. 1993 before he retired from the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

"Hunt, who has been in Colorado Springs since Nov. 1999, is a member of the Eastern Pequot Indian Nation (relative tribe of the Mohicans). He joined the military Aug. 22, 1983.

"My motivations were very shallow when I joined the military," he said. "At that time I didn't want to go to college after high school. I didn't particularly have a job or desire to be anything more than happy. I realized that I didn't want to go to college just for the sake of going to school with no real direction. I felt that it would have been a real waste of time, money and effort.

"Hunt has several role models: Deputy of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics Vice Admiral Charles W. Moore, Jr.; Secretary of State Colin Powell; Director of Intelligence for HQ NORAD/USNORTHCOM Capt. Michael Knoll; and his father, Cameron R. Hunt. Hunt said he looks up to Vice Admiral Moore because when Hunt served on the JCS team from 1993–1996 and followed the admiral aboard the USS Independence (CV-62) from 1996–1998 "the admiral always regarded him as a friend, regardless of his rank.

"His friendship is genuine and he is a real Sailor's Sailor; he and his wife were always there ready to support me and my shipmates. Never too busy to give advice or a kind word regardless of his demanding schedule," Hunt said.

"I admire Secretary Powell for his wisdom and political savvy. He too, is a genuine person without false airs. I respect him for his knowledge and experience. Where, in U.S. history has a Secretary of State addressed a nation in time of crisis (Sept. 11th) before the Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or the Vice President of the United States.

"Hunt said he admires Captain Knoll because when they served together aboard the USS Constellation (CV-64) from 1986–1989, he gave Hunt the chance to



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strike for the draftsman rate and work within the intelligence community. "He supported me, a four year former flight deck plane captain and then a deck seaman, based upon my merit as a person and my personal drive to better myself. He gave me my chance to excel. I probably never would have served at the Pentagon for seven years or met General Powell and Admiral Moore without first getting my chance to become a draftsman. I know he doesn't realize the profound impact he had upon my life and Naval career.

"Hunt said he admires his dad because "even though he hasn't risen above his own lofty expectations and goals in life, at age 59, he still tries to realize his dreams regardless of the odds or circumstances. He is a Special Forces Army Green Beret in the reserves and works as a professional bodyguard who has guarded the Royal Family of Iran and been on high-visibility security details such as the Macy's day parade. These special people and countless others have made my Navy journey, and life experience priceless and made me the person who I am today.

"Even though Hunt is on shore duty, he said he's a fleet Sailor to the end.

"All of the sea stories heard about fleet Sailors aren't necessarily true but are based in truth, and are as deeply seeded in Naval folklore as the ships they serve on," he said. "As a fleet Sailor, whether I am currently a seaman or chief, I am the one person you want on your team to get the job done. I am proud of our Naval tradition, and will never tarnish that legacy or my Naval comrades who have gone before me."

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